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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN DEMARCHE TO CANADIAN EMBASSY ON INDO-
CHINESE REFUGEES

REF: A. KUALA LUMPUR 3678, B. STATE 108849

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1. DEPT, INS, AND NSC OFFICIALS AND CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
TEE STAFF MEMBERS MET APRIL 26 AND 27 WITH DEREK VOLKER,
FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY, GOA DEPT OF IMMIGRATION AND
ETHNIC AFFAIRS. FULL REPORT ON DISCUSSIONS BEING SENT
SEPTEL.
2. VOLKER INTER ALIA SAID THAT GOA WOULD CALL IN CANADIAN

EMBASSY OFFICIALS TO URGE GOC TO EXPEDITE ACCEPTANCE OF BOAT REFUGEES, PARTICULARLY FROM MALAYSIA. EMBASSY CANBERRA SHOULD THEREFORE PASS TO GOA INFORMATION IN REF A, EXCEPT FOR FIRST SENTENCE PARA 6.

3. AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY HAS ALSO INFORMED DEPT THAT FOLLOWING VOLKER'S VISIT EMBASSY SPOKESMAN WAS AUTHORIZED TO MAKE GENERAL STATEMENT TO PRESS ON IF ASKED BASIS THAT VOLKER HAD HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH U.S. OFFICIALS ON WAYS OF IMPROVING COORDINATION BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES AND WITH

OTHER COUNTRIES AND AGENCIES FOR PROCESSING OF INDOCHINESE REFUGEES. EMBASSY SPOKESMAN, HOWEVER, WAS NOT AUTHORIZED TO SAY THAT CANBERRA WOULD LIKE U.S. TO TAKE LEAD IN ENCOURAGING OTHER COUNTRIES TO ACCEPT REFUGEES, AS INDICATED PARA 10 REF B. EMBASSY SPOKESMAN WAS ABSENT MAY 1 WHEN WE CHECKED ON THIS WITH AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY, AND EMBASSY PROMISED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM AND LET US KNOW WHETHER HE HAD IN FACT MADE SUCH A STATEMENT WHICH DID NOT REFLECT TENOR OF DISCUSSIONS WITH VOLKER, INCLUDING HIS AGREEMENT THAT GOA SHOULD TAKE LEAD IN APPROACHING CANADIANS. VANCE

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